

Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For February 26th, 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karen Day at 3:00 in the Middletown Library Conference Room.

Those attending were: Karen Day, Bill DiMarco, Chuck DiTucci, Allan Kirby, Bob Johnson, and BJ Northrup-Owen.

Finances:

1. There is approximately \$23,800 in the checking account. This does not include \$2,000 from the America the Beautiful grant which has been approved.

2. Old Business:

- The semi-final tree planting lists were passed out and discussed. The intent is to have more locations than money available to avoid last minute problems.
 - The budget has been updated to \$11,000 from the planned \$9,500 because for the above grant
 - The Island Drive Homeowners Association has asked us to partner with them again to plant trees in their neighborhood
 - Following the re-development of Forest Ave, we have had numerous requests for tree planting on that road. Shawn Brown mentioned that there may be funds available from the construction dollars to accomplish this.
- The business meeting was adjourned at 3:30 to make way for a web presentation by Jacob Schmidt of Open Tree Map SW.

3. New Business.

- Jacob did present Open Tree Map via a web conference. Attending in addition to the above were Scott Wheeler (Newport Tree Warden), Tina Dolan (Newport Tree Association), members of Scott's staff, and at least one member of the Portsmouth Tree Association.
- The presentation included demonstrations of the SW features, discussions of pricing options, and a question and answer period.

- After the presentation, Karen suggested further meetings with Scott and Tina to discuss co-operation with a possible joint purchase of this product.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:30

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary